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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Kaoru YAMAMOTO et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 4823
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Application No.: 09/200,430	)	Group Art Unit: 2616
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Filed: November 27, 1998	)	Examiner: Onuaku, Christopher O
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For: INFORMATION RECORD MEDIUM, AND )		<b>Mail Stop RCE</b>
APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF )		
REPRODUCING THE SAME		

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Customer Window, Mail Stop RCE**  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2004 (Paper No. 20), the period for response to which extends through January 26, 2005 by the concurrently filed petition for a three-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, and concurrently filed herein with a Request for Continued Examination and prior to continued examination, please amend the above-application as follows:

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